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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dean L. Engelhardt, et al. Parent Application:

Attorney Docket No : Enz-5 (Div. 8) Art Unit: 123

Filed : Herewith Examiner:

For : MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES, METHODS
OF PREPARING AND UTILIZING AND
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments.

Cancel Claims: 2-203.

Amend The Specification As Follows:

In the Title, delete the present Title and, as a new Title,
insert -- Hybridization Assay Method --.

At the top of page 1 add the following section entitled
"REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS":

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-- This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 140,980,
filed on January 5, 1988, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No.
674,352, filed on November 21, 1984 (now abandoned), which is a
continuation of U.S. Serial No. 391,440, filed on June 23, 1982
(now abandoned).--

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